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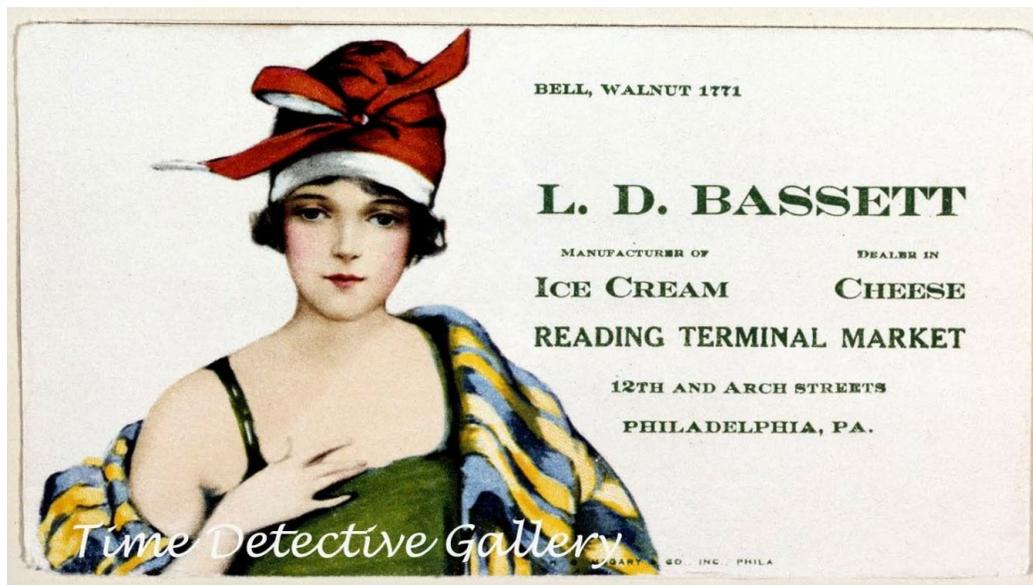
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[Section 1 - Welcome](#)

Several years ago someone that receives my newsletter reported to me that you had a new neighbor with the Bassett surname that came from The Netherlands. I have lost that contact information. If this is you, can you contact me again? I just had a close match from the William Bassett of Plymouth family to a family from the Netherlands and want to follow up with this family now living in England.

No new trees added this month.

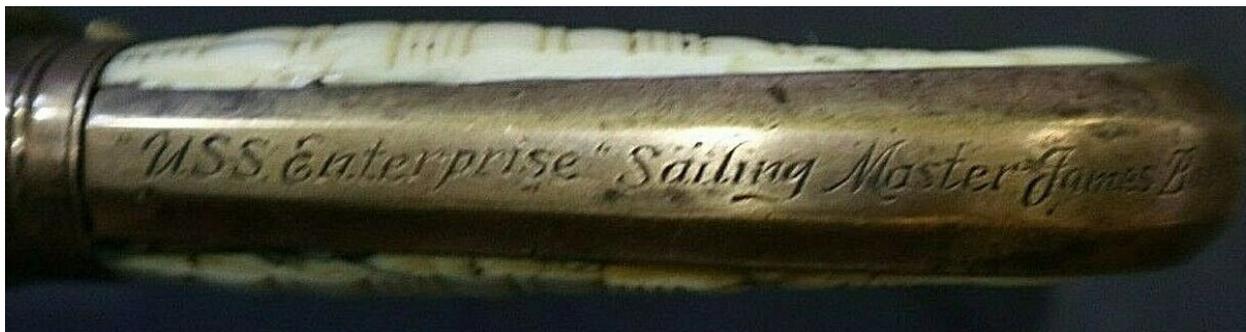
Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 176,378



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Section 2 – Featured Bassett: James Bassett War of 1812 USS Enterprise Presentation Dirk

I found this most fascinating historical item for sale today on ebay. It is a presentation dirk given to Master Sailor James Bassett of the USS Enterprise in 1813. I have so far been unable to identify this James Bassett.



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Section 3 – Featured Bassett: Death of Charles Leland Bassett

Charles Leland Bassett descends from #4B William Bassett of Lynn, Massachusetts as follows:

Roger Bassett and wife Ann Holland
William Bassett (b. 1624) and wife Sarah Burt
Elisha Bassett (b. 1649) and wife Elizabeth Collins
Elisha Bassett (b. 1692) and wife Abigail Davis
Elisha Bassett (b. 1722) and wife Mary Woodnutt
Joseph Bassett (b. 1765) and wife Mary Allen
William Bassett (b. 1803) and wife Abigail Hazelton
Fenwick Hazelton Bassett (b. 1857) and wife Annie R. Waln Springer
Charles Godfrey Leland Bassett (b. 1899) and wife Ruth Ricketts
Charles Leland Bassett (b. 1937)

Richmond Times-Dispatch, October 10, 2020
Charles Leland Bass

BASSETT, Charles Leland (Lee), of Midlothian, Va., passed away peacefully with family at his side on Monday, October 5, 2020. He was 82 years old.

Lee was a loving and generous husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Becky; their three children, Todd Bassett (Robin) of Richmond, Jeffrey Bassett (Kate Hershey) of Richmond and Julie Bassett Thompson (Scott) of Atlanta; as well as eight grandchildren, Kate White (Stephen), Henry and Jack Bassett, Madison and Cole Bassett and Bennett, Grant and Rebecca Thompson.

Lee was born and raised in Prospect Park, Pa., and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Duke University in 1959 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He went on to earn his MBA from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1964, during which time he met and married his wife, Becky, who was a nursing student at Watts Hospital in Durham, N.C. He and Becky later settled in Richmond.

In 1972, Lee started his own business, Fi-Tech, Inc., a manufacturer's representative and industrial distribution company. He dedicated over 30 years to growing the business, expanding into Mexico and leading numerous acquisitions of manufacturers in the United Kingdom, extending Fi-Tech's global footprint. Lee was a hard-working, determined and loyal businessman who built lasting friendships with many of his principals and customers, as well as his employees. While he demanded much from his employees, he was dedicated to them in return, with many of them having worked at Fi-Tech for their whole careers. Above all, it brought him great joy to have his three children involved in the business with him.

In addition to running his business, Lee was active in the community, serving on the Board at John Tyler Community College for many years as Vice Chairman and Chairman. He also served as the Board Chairman of Regency Bank and subsequently on the Board of MainStreet Bank. He was a devoted Duke Basketball fan and was actively involved at Duke in many volunteer capacities. He received the Pratt School of Engineering's Distinguished Service Award and the Charles A. Dukes Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to Duke. Lee had received several scholarships during his time as a student, and he never forgot this generosity to him.

Lee was an avid traveler, having traveled to all seven continents, and he was always up for a new adventure. He cherished the trips he took with friends and family, especially the many family trips he and Becky took with their children and grandchildren. He loved knowing that he had passed on this adventurous spirit and his love of travel to them. Lee's travels also led to a passion for collecting wine. One of the things that brought him the most joy was simply enjoying a great bottle of wine with friends and family.

Lee also had a strong interest in animal welfare and a love of animals, especially cats. He adopted many cats throughout his life. Through his support and guidance, he led numerous initiatives at Richmond Animal League, including a program to reduce the cost of cat adoptions, as well as enhancements to the cat habitat within the RAL shelter.

The family will be holding a private service. They wish to thank Lee's many caregivers at the Pearl at Watkins Centre, as well as Tish, Verdell, Carol and especially Rhonda, for her tender care and generous love for Lee. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Richmond Animal League, 11401 International Drive, Richmond, Va. 23236, RAL.org or a charity of your choice.

Section 4 – Featured Bassett: Osbert Andrus Bassett Picture Album

Osbert Andrus Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
Nathaniel Bassett (b. 1628) and wife Dorcas Joyce
Samuel Bassett (b. 1670) and wife Elizabeth Jones
Samuel Bassett (b. 1700) and wife Alice Weaver
Samuel Bassett (b. 1740) and wife Tabitha Waite
Benjamin Bassett (b. 1780) and wife Olive Young
Uriah David Bassett (b. 1804) and wife Submit Chapin
Osbert Andrus Bassett (b. 1830) and wife Ruth Smith

I found an old picture album for sale on e-bay this week that contained pictures from the family of Osbert Andrus Bassett.

The Norwich Sun, Monday, 28 Mar 1904
Obituary, Osbert Andrus Bassett

On Saturday, March 26, 1904, at his home near the reservoir in the town of Norwich, Osbert Andrus Bassett passed away, after an illness of four weeks.

He was a son of the late Uriah D. and Submit Chapin Bassett, and was born March 8, 1830, near where he died and had always lived, excepting three winters with his daughter in this village. His early life was spent mostly in farming where the upper reservoir is now located; but having learned the trade of a millwright of his father-in-law, the late Erasmus Smith, his later years were devoted to designing and constructing flour, grain, feed and sawmills in this state and Pennsylvania.

Mr. Bassett was married Oct. 19, 1852, to Ruth Smith of this town, who survives with two daughters, Mrs. Flora M. Jaynes of this village, and Mrs. Anna E. Franklin, who with her husband resides with her parents. He also leaves three grandchildren, Rev. Almon Andrus Jaynes of Syracuse, Ruth Olive

and Walter Bassett Jaynes of this village.

Mr. Bassett was a man of exemplary habits and sterling integrity, a kind and obliging neighbor and a most devoted and affectionate husband and father.

The funeral services will be held at his late residence near the reservoir Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. W.D. Benton, D.D. officiating. Burial in the Quarter cemetery.



Pictures of O.A. Bassett and wife Ruth Smith Bassett



Picture of Flora May (Bassett) Jaynes

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Section 5 – Featured Bassett: Reg Bassett Orchestra of Staffordshire, England

Reginald Guy Bassett descends from #16B John Bassett of Alstonfield, Staffordshire as follows:

John Bassett (d. 1667) and wife Dorothy
Robert Bassett (b. 1609)
Robert Bassett (b. 1656) and wife Dorothy Ratcliff
Robert Bassett (b. 1708) and wife Joan Bonsel
Thomas Bassett and wife Hannah Fraggatt
Mary Bassett (b. 1794)
Ralph Bassett (b. 1819) and wife Hannah Shenton
Joseph Bassett (b. 1854) and wife Ellen Hall
Leonard John Bassett (b. 1886) and wife Mary Clare Weaver
Reginald Guy Bassett

Evening Sentinel, Wednesday, May 25, 1988
In Character
Musical way of conducting big business
By. Alan Cookman

At 75, the mellow and avuncular boss of the giant Bassett transport group may now seem an unlikely cupid.

Yet generations of North Staffordshire couples were sent quickstepping to the altar under the obliging baton of Reg Bassett.

The former resident bandleader at Trentham Gardens was the Joe Loss of North Staffordshire for over 50 years. New ballroom fashions and rhythms came and went, but Reg Bassett was immovable.

It all started in the 1930's when his mother organized a dance in the local Tittensor school to raise funds for a new village hall.

"They were stuck for a band," Says Reg. "I'd played the drums in the cadets at Alleyne's School, so I volunteered to get some pals together. We were a big success."

Gigs at village halls in and around Stone followed, and during World War Two Reg and the boys entertained the troops and factory workers. Later came success in the Melody Maker band contest and engagements in two halls and ballrooms across the North and the Midlands.

The original five-piece band had grown to a 15-piece orchestra when the legendary Geraldo, then resident musical director at Trentham Gardens, signed them up in the Fifties.

"Jackie Trent was one of our singers, and we played alongside bands like Harry Roy, Ted Heath, Joe Loss, Victor Sylvester and Ivy Benson," says Reg, who finally put away his baton in 1978 on doctor's orders.

"I loved every minute of it. For me it was a relaxation, an escape from the pressures of business. I was really touched by all the letters I received when I retired. I got messages from people all over the country.

"Now we get together twice a years, with some top class musicians from Manchester, to play the Lord Mayor's Ball and the Lady Mayoress's Ball."

If Reg Bassett's band-leading days are all but over, he is still firmly in control at the Tittensor headquarters of what is one of Britain's biggest independent haulage companies.

Founded by his grandfather, Joseph Bassett, who operated horses and carts, steam rollers and heavy traction engines from Strongford Farm, the business was expanded by Reg's father, Leonard Bassett.

When Leonard died in 1934 at the age of 48, Reg inherited a fleet of 15

vehicles. "I was only 22, but I already had plenty of experience in haulage," he says.

During the next 50 years, the family concern grew into a vast operation, with 75 lorries, 200 trailers, 23 coaches and an annual turnover of between £3 and £4million.

Reg, whose wife Marjorie still works full-time at the sprawling complex beside the A34, runs the business with sons Leonard (42) and Ashley (40). He seldom takes a holiday and, at 75, still puts in 12 hours a day.

Road transport has come a long way since Leonard Bassett hauled boilers and bricks by iron-wheeled traction engines before the Great War. Today, for example, a modern unit and trailer can cost well over £50,000.

A grandfather of five, whose interests outside music and transport include a passion for model railways, Reg Bassett now has the contented air of a man who has achieved outstanding success in two widely contrasting fields.

Yet the two can overlap - for thousands of people, the sight of a Bassett's wagon or bus still evokes fond memories of the foxtrot, the cha cha cha or the twist on the Trentham Gardens dance floor.



Picture from "Bassetts of Tittensor, 100 Years of Transport, 1897 – 1997"

To read a previous article about the Bassetts of Tittensor, click on the link below.

<http://www.bassettbranches.org/newsletters/2011/04/201104.shtml>

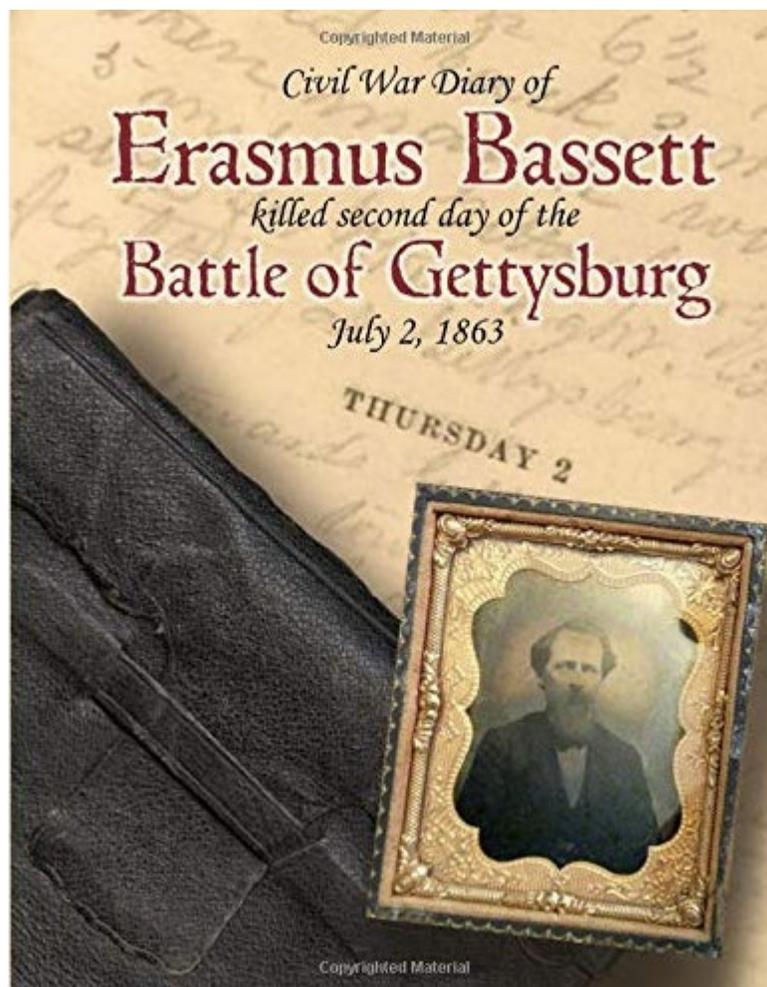
[Section 6 – Featured Bassett: Civil War Diary of Erasmus Bassett Killed July 2, 1863 at Gettysburg](#)

Erasmus E. Bassett descends from #6B William Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

William Bassett and wife Hannah (Dickerman) Ives
John Bassett (b. 1652) and wife Mercy Todd
Joseph Bassett (b. 1697) and wife Miriam Bradley
Joel Bassett (b. 1733) and wife Mary

Justus Bassett (d. 1800) and wife Beulah Tuttle
Allen Bassett (b. 1796) and wife Druzilla W. Eddy
Erasmus E. Bassett (b. 11 Feb 1836, d. 2 Jul 1863)

Erasmus E. Bassett was born February 11, 1836 in Barrington, Yates, County, New York. He enlisted in Company B, 126th New York Volunteer Infantry at Barrington on August 4th, 1862, age 26. He died on the second day of the fighting at The Battle of Gettysburg, July 2, 1863. This is his actual diary with a transcription alongside making it easy to read and also give notes of many things, people and places just briefly mentioned. This diary gives us a window into the life of a soldier fighting in the Civil War in the voice of the soldier. One thing this man did not do was complain ever in this diary. Notes were made from a number of books about the 126th New York Volunteer Infantry to make this as factual as possible while keeping it personal right up to his death. Erasmus had a brother Richard who was a 1st Lieutenant also in the same unit. Richard went out at night and collected his brother's personal effects, this diary being one such item. It is housed in a library at Cornell University where it is kept safe in a humidity and temperature controlled place. My family, the May family, direct descendants of Erasmus E Bassett are pleased that the University has kept this safe since 1948 when it was loaned for just this purpose.



You can order a copy of this book at the following link.

<https://www.amazon.com/Erasmus-Bassett-Killed-Second-Gettysburg/dp/B08GVJ6GHB>

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Section 7 – Featured Bassett: Death of Captain Charles Howard Bassett of Long Beach, Mississippi

Charles Howard Bassett descends from #62B Philip Bassett of Eriswell, Suffolk, England as follows:

Philip Bassett (m. 1698) and wife Margaret Green
Stephen Bassett (b. 1710) and wife Elizabeth Adams
Philip Bassett (b. 1748) and wife Jane Howard
William Bassett (b. 1788) and wife Rebecca Goodrick
William Bassett (b. 1813) and wife Sarah Crow
Jacob William Bassett (b. 1845) and wife Cynthia Ann Clark
Clemons Emanuel Bassett (b. 1866) and wife Sarah Ann Wayne
Charles Howard Bassett (b. 1908) and wife Opal Elect Yoho
Captain Charles Howard Bassett Jr. (b. 1932)

Sun Herald, Long Beach, Mississippi
Captain Charles "Chuck" Bassett Jr.
1932 - 2020

Captain Charles "Chuck" Bassett, age 87, of Long Beach passed away peacefully on Thursday August 27, 2020.

Captain Bassett was born in Weirton, West Virginia on November 20th, 1932, the son of the late Charles and Opal Bassett.

Captain Bassett was preceded in death by his first wife, Gloria Curry Bassett and his sister, Barbara Bassett Ewing. He is survived by his wife, Dale Bassett; sons, Charles W. Bassett and Jeffrey H. Bassett (Laura); grandchildren, Jeffrey (Gabrielle), Caroline, and Joseph Bassett; stepson, Donald E. Smith (Amy); stepdaughter, Laura Sheehan (Tommy); mother in law, Lou Anne Smith, seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Captain Bassett graduated from Parkersburg High School, WV in 1950 and was a member of the marching band. He then started his college studies at the University of Kentucky on a music scholarship where he played in the marching band, orchestra, and played Bass fiddle on the weekends in a swing dance band. While at the University of Kentucky, he was involved in several clubs and a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Captain Bassett finished college at West Virginia University in 1956 earning a Bachelor's degree with honors in Accounting. While at West Virginia University, he met his first wife Gloria and they were married in 1956.

He was then employed by the U.S. Steel Corp. as a steel works auditor. After a year with the company he decided it was time to move ahead of the draft and enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was commissioned as a Reserve Officer from Officer Candidate School as an Ensign on July 4, 1958.

Captain Bassett's tours at sea included duty on the USS Epperson DD 719 and the Aircraft Carriers Hancock CV-19 and Essex CV-9. He was a Navy weather forecaster and a flying meteorologist with the Pacific Early Warning Barrier Force while stationed in Hawaii.

Captain Bassett served three tours at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, earning a bachelor's degree in Meteorology, a master's degree

in Oceanography, and later the designation of Assistant Professor of Oceanography. Captain Bassett then served two tours of duty at the Atlantic Fleet Meteorology and Oceanography Center first as the oceanographer and later as the Executive Officer.

Captain Bassett was then assigned to the Staff of the Oceanographer of the Navy as his Financial Manager. In that assignment he led a team of officers and senior civilians in the planning, budgeting and position papers for the move and consolidation of the Navy Oceanography program from the National Capitol Region to the Stennis Center in Hancock County, MS.

Captain Bassett concluded his twenty-seven-year career with the Navy as the Commanding Officer of the U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office.

Captain Bassett then went to work as the Property Manager for Hancock Bank in Gulfport, MS. It was there that he met his present wife, Dale a Mississippi lady. He worked as the Hancock Bank Property manager for twelve years and retired again in 1992.

In retirement he was an active case worker with the Navy Relief Society and a volunteer income tax preparer for the VITA program. He is a Past President and Secretary/Treasurer for the SW MS Council of the Navy League of the US. He was a Master Mason of the Southern Star Lodge and a private pilot. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and golfing in his retirement years.

RIEMANN FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, Long Beach is serving the family. Private graveside service will be held Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at Biloxi National Cemetery. An online guestbook may be signed and memories shared at www.riemannfamily.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks to please make donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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[Section 8 - New family lines combined or added since the last newsletter](#)

No lines have been added or combines since last month.

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[Section 9 - DNA project update.](#)

A new test kit was ordered for the #476B Bassett line from France that moved from France to western Canada before 1900. I will report the results once they are back.

Donations of any amount can be made to the Bassett DNA project by clicking on the link below. Any funds donated will be used to fund select Bassett DNA tests that will further our project as a whole and benefit all Bassetts worldwide.

<http://www.familytreedna.com/group-general-fund-contribution.aspx?g=Bassett>

This is just a reminder that the DNA portion of the Bassett Family Association can be found at:

A current spreadsheet of results can be found at:

<http://www.bassettbranches.org/dna/BassettDNA.xls>

If you don't have Excel and can't open the spreadsheet above, you can now see the DNA test results at the following website.

<http://www.familytreedna.com/public/Bassett/>

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